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SUBJECT: COUNCIL OF EUROPEA- 27TH PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

1. ON DEPARTURE FOR 27TH SESSION OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S
PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OPENING AT STRASBOURG JANUARY 26,
ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT KARL CZERNETZ TOLD VIENNA'S "DIE PRESSE"
THAT COUNCIL OF EUROPE (COE) OUGHT TO BECOME LINK BETWEEN
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (EC) MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS. HE
COMMENTED, HOWEVER, THAT WHEREAS EVERYONE WANTED THE
COUNCIL OF EUROPE, EC COUNTRIES DON'T WANT TOO MUCH FROM
IT. NON-EC COUNTRIES, E.G. AUSTRIA, SWITZERLAND OR SWEDEN,
WERE GREATLY INTERESTED IN BEING UNITED THROUGH COE
WITH MAJOR WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, BUT SO FAR THIS
FEELING OF LOYALTY HAD BEEN ONE-WAY STREET.

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2. CZERNETZ CONTRASTED ANEMIC STATE OF COE WITH PROLIFERATING EC BUREAUCRACY. HE ALSO NOTED FORTHCOMING DIRECT ELECTION OF EC'S EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, BUT OPINED THAT COE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY WAS NOT BEING CONSIDERED BECAUSE, AS WITH EC'S PARLIAMENT, STEP WOULD MAKE LITTLE SENSE UNLESS SOME LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY WERE TRANSFERRED TO ASSEMBLY. CZERNETZ ADDED THAT HE THOUGHT PORTUGAL WOULD BE ADMITTED TO COE FOLLOWING PORTUGUESE ELECTIONS IN APRIL; QUESTION OF SPAIN'S MEMBERSHIP WAS MORE DIFFICULT BUT HOPEFULLY COULD BE RESOLVED EVENTUALLY.

3. CZWENETZ SAID 27TH ASSEMBLY SESSION WOULD TAKE UP QUESTION OF JEWS IN USSR AND SITUATIONS IN NORTHERN IRELAND, SPAIN, CYPRUS AND MIDDLE EAST, AS WELL AS SPECIAL REPORT ON "RIGHTS OF THE SICK" IN EUROPE. (PRESUMABLY RECIPROCITY IN MEDICAL BENEFITS). ASKED WHY COE DID NOT TACKLE PROBLEM OF TERRORISM, CZERNETZ REPLIED THAT TERRORISM COULD BE ELIMINATED ONLY WHEN MAJOR POWERS WERE READY TO MINIMIZE ALL THEIR STRENGTH AGAINST IT; WHEN GOA FOREIGN MINISTER IN 1973 PROPOSED TO COE MINISTERS' COMMITTEE THAT CONFERENCE OF INTERIOR MINISTERS BE CALLED ON PREVENTIVE MEASURES, PROPOSAL DID NOT EVEN RECEIVE MAJORITY SUPPORT. BUCHANAN

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